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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF AUGUST 20 VIOLENCE

REF: A) BANGKOK 17532; B) FBIS BK 240951Z AUG 75

1. DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE THAI NATIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, POLICE GENERAL PHOT PEKKANAN, REPORTEDLY SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION THE EVENING OF AUGUST 21 OVER THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 20 WHICH INCLUDED THE POLICE RAN-SACKING THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE. THE BANGKOK PRESS REPORTED THAT THE RESIGNATION WENT TO DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER BUNLOET LOETPRICHA. INTERIOR MINISTER BUNTHENG TONNGSAWAT TOLD REPORTERS AUGUST 24, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED PHOT'S RESIGNATION. DESPITE THE NEWS-PAPER HEADLINES (REF B) IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THE CABINET HAS, OR WILL, APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF PHOT, WHO IS WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF MANDATORY RETIREMENT.

2. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE JOCKEYING FOR THE POLICE DIRECTOR-GENERALSHIP. A RECENT SPATE OF RUMORS SUGGEST  
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THAT ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL WITHUN YASAWAT WILL BE OFFERED

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAMAN  
ADIREKSAN HAS PUBLICLY OPPOSED THIS IDEA. HE HAS STATED  
THAT A CAREER POLICEMAN SHOULD GET THE TOP SPOT.

3. MEANWHILE, THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY IS RECOVERING FROM  
THE DESTRUCTION OF AUGUST 20. ACTING RECTOR SA-NE  
CHAMMARIK ANNOUNCED AUGUST 22 THAT THE UNIVERISTY WILL  
REOPEN ON AUGUST 26. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKS  
UNTIL THE PRESENT SEMESTER ENDS.  
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